

a hearing, stating the nature of the action or decision complained of and the grounds of complaint. Upon the filing of any such application the register of such land office shall proceed to review such action or decision as nearly as may be in accordance with the rules of practice then applicable to applications to contest entries under the public land law. Subject to such rules of practice, appeals may be taken by any party in interest from the decision of the register to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and from the decision of the Commissioner of the General Land Office to the Secretary.

Review of action.

Appeals allowed.

## ADMINISTRATION

Administration.

Authority of Secretary of Interior.

SEC. 15 (a) The Secretary shall promulgate all rules and regulations necessary to the administration of this title, shall execute its provisions, and may (1) in accordance with the civil service laws appoint such employees and in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923 fix their compensation, and (2) make such expenditures (including expenditures for personal service and rent at the seat of government and elsewhere, for law books, books of reference, periodicals, and for printing and binding) as may be necessary efficiently to execute the provisions of this title.

(b) The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to continue investigations, experiments, and demonstrations for the welfare, improvement, and increase of the reindeer industry in Alaska, and upon the request of the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate in matters pertaining to the care of plant and animal life, including reindeer.

Reindeer industry. Investigations of, by Secretary of Agriculture continued.

## LAWS APPLICABLE

Laws applicable.

SEC. 16. Laws now applicable to lands or resources in the Territory of Alaska shall continue in force and effect to the same extent and in the same manner after the enactment of this Act as before, and nothing in this Act shall preclude or prevent ingress or egress upon the lands in districts for any purpose authorized by any such law, including prospecting for and extraction of minerals.

Land and resources' laws continued in force.

Approved, March 4, 1927.

CHAP. 514.—Joint Resolution To amend subdivisions (b) and (e) of section 11 of the Immigration Act of 1924, as amended.

March 4, 1927.  
[S. J. Res. 152.]  
[Pub. Res., No. 69.]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subdivisions (b) and (e) of section 11 of the Immigration Act of 1924, as amended, are amended by striking out the figures "1927" and inserting in lieu thereof the figures "1928."*

Immigration Act.  
Quota ratio deferred to 1928.  
Vol. 43, p. 159, amended.

Approved, March 4, 1927.

CHAP. 515.—Joint Resolution Authorizing a joint committee of both Houses to consider the purchase of the right to an unrestricted use of the Harriman Geographic Code System under patents issued, or that may be issued, and also the unrestricted use of all copyrights issued, or that may be issued, in connection with the products of the Harriman Geographic Code System for all governmental, administrative, or publication purposes for which the same may be desirable.

March 4, 1927.  
[S. J. Res. 110.]  
[Pub. Res., No. 70.]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the Senate appoint three Members of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House three Members of the House, all of whom shall have been*

Harriman Geo-graphic Code System.

Joint Committee, members of 70th Congress, to be appointed on.

Duty.  
To consider purchase of unrestricted use of Code System.

To recommend legislation for purchase, if use would promote efficiency of operation, etc.

Federal officers to furnish information to the committee.

Expenses and assistance authorized.

Proviso.  
Maximum expenditure.

elected to the Seventieth Congress, who shall constitute a select joint committee on the Harriman Geographic Code System, which may sit during recess.

It shall be the duty of the committee—  
(1) To consider the purchase of the right to an unrestricted use of the Harriman Geographic Code System under patents issued, or that may be issued, and also the unrestricted use of all copyrights issued, or that may be issued, in connection with the products or publications of the Harriman Geographic Code System, including the right, license, and privilege to manufacture, use, and dispose of geographs, maps, diagrams, and charts embodying said patented inventions or improvements thereof or copyrights issued in connection therewith incident to the functions of all bureaus or departments of the United States Government for all governmental, administrative, or publication purposes for which the same may be desirable.

(2) If, after investigation, the committee shall be of the opinion that the purchase of said system or use thereof by the United States Government would promote efficiency and economy of operation and administration of the executive departments and the administrative branches of the Government, the value of said system, or the use thereof to the United States Government shall be estimated, and the committee shall report to both the Senate and the House of Representatives the result of its investigation, together with its recommendations, and shall prepare and submit bills or resolutions having for their purpose the adoption of such recommendations.

(3) The officers and employees of any executive department or administrative branch of the Government shall, if called upon to do so, make a report to said committee on the Harriman Geographic Code System, and shall furnish to the committee such information as the committee may from time to time require. The committee is authorized to employ assistance as the committee may require in the investigation herein provided for, and to make such reasonable expenditures as may be necessary for the proper conduct of its work, such expenditures to be paid in equal parts from the contingent funds of the House of Representatives and the Senate as from time to time may be authorized by resolutions of those bodies: *Provided*, That the total expenditures of the committee shall not exceed \$2,000.

Approved, March 4, 1927.

March 4, 1927.  
[S. J. Res. 4.]  
[Pub. Res., No. 71.]

**CHAP. 516.**—Joint Resolution Restricting the Federal Power Commission from issuing or approving any permits or licenses affecting the Colorado River or any of its tributaries.

Colorado River, etc.  
No water-power permits to be issued upon, until approval of Colorado River compact, etc., by Congress.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Federal Power Commission is hereby directed not to issue or approve any permits or licenses under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 10, 1920, known as the Federal Water Power Act, upon or affecting the Colorado River or any of its tributaries, in the States of Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico, Nevada, Arizona, and California, until and unless the Colorado River compact, signed at Santa Fe, New Mexico, November 24, 1922, pursuant to Act of Congress approved August 19, 1921, has been approved by the Congress of the United States, or in the event that said compact is not sooner approved, until March 5, 1929.

Approved, March 4, 1927.